

NEVADA ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

INTRODUCTION

The Nevada Association of conservation Districts authorized created and operating in accordance with NRS 548.0-series inclusive, shall be guided in its operations by the following by-laws. In the event any of these by-laws are or become in conflict with present or future Nevada law, such part of the by-laws shall be null and void, but all other parts shall remain in effect.

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts is and shall be to promote the conservation and development of the renewable natural resources of Nevada through the Nevada Conservation Districts in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 548 series.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

The State of Nevada shall be divided into three areas.

Northern area- shall consist of Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander and Pershing counties.

Western area- shall consist of Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, Mineral and Washoe counties.

South-Central area- shall consist of Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye and White Pine counties (articles of NvACD 1992)

1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice president, three Area Representatives and a Council Member.
2. Assembled delegates of the Association at the annual meeting of the Association shall elect the President, Vice President, and Council Member. The need not be directors of the Association at the time of their election but shall be supervisors of Conservation Districts.
3. Each area shall caucus at the Annual Meeting to elect a representative for a 1 year term.

ARTICLE III: ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. The President, Vice President, and Council Member shall be elected for a 2 year term at the Annual Meeting of the Association.
2. The President will be the election chairperson.
3. The President, Vice President, and Council Member will be elected in that order and before the area caucus for election of directors.
4. Procedure in the above election:
 - a. Nominations shall be accepted by the Chair from any qualified delegate.
 - b. In a contested election, those nominated would be required to leave the place of meeting.
 - c. Those nominated would be requested one at a time, to speak to those assembled, explaining their views, plans or qualifications, for a time of not over 10 minutes, then again leave the room.
 - d. The election chairman would conduct a secret ballot by the qualified delegates and the results announced.

ARTICLE IV: TERM OF OFFICE

1. The term of office for the President, Vice President, and Council Member of the Association will be two years and will not exceed two consecutive terms unless approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the official voting delegates at the Annual Meeting.
2. The duties of these officers shall be those normally ascribed to such officers.
 - a. The President's duties shall be to organize and conduct regularly scheduled meetings, represent the Association at Public and Legislative meetings, be the spokesman for the Nevada Association and such others duties as may occur.
 - b. The Vice President shall assist the President in the duties and obligations of the office and such other duties as may be assigned.
 - c. The Council Member shall represent the Association and the Conservation Districts such meetings as are assigned and authorized by the president.
 - d. In the event an officer resigns, or is unable to act, the President shall appoint a new officer or in the event the President resigns, the Vice President shall take over the duties of the President. Officers appointed in the above manner will serve out the remaining term of the office.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held each year during the months of October or November. The voting delegates at the annual meeting will determine the day and place.
2. At the annual meeting of the Association a majority of voting delegates present in person will constitute a quorum for transacting of business except for changing the articles of the Association by-laws, which will require two-thirds (2/3) majority of the district representatives present in person. All meeting of the membership of the Association shall be open to all district officers and representative and such other individuals as are declared eligible to attend, including members of the State Conservation Commission and their duty authorized representatives. All meetings shall be conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order (revised)*.
3. The Association Officers and the Area Representatives shall hold a regular meeting each year in conjunction with the annual meeting in October or November.
4. The President, Vice President or Board of Directors may call regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors. The meeting shall be open to all members of the Association and all Conservation Districts, and a majority of the Board of directors being present in person, shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts will be represented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts by a Council Member who will be elected at the annual meeting of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, and an alternated. The alternate to the Council Member will be the President unless he/she is elected as a council member in which case the alternate shall be selected.

ARTICLE VI: AREA MEETINGS

The Association will hold at least one area meeting in each of its three areas. These meetings will be held prior to the annual meeting. Each area representative will set up the time and place for the meeting in his area and will notify each member-district in the area in writing at least ten days in advance. In addition to such other business as may come before the group, in an election year each area will develop a list of potential nominees to be considered during the annual Association meeting to include one or more nominees for each of the following offices: Association President, Vice President, and NACD Council Member, Area Representatives.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDING PROCEDURES

By-laws may be adopted and the Article of the Association may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all conservation district representatives present in person at any regular meeting of the Association or at any special; meeting regularly called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII: FISCAL POLICIES

- Annual State Association Meeting
- Spring Board Meeting of NACD
- South West Regional
- Fall Board Meeting of NACD
- National Association Meeting
- Special Meetings as called by the President or Representative of Areas
- Area Meetings of NvACD

The following guidelines for attendance at the above meetings shall be:

1. The Association pays only for the authorized delegate. Any expense for additional persons attending the meeting will be borne by the attending delegate.
2. Registration fees will be paid at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
3. Air transportation will be either business or tourist class depending upon the rates, and reservations will be made at least 30 days prior to departure to take advantage of optimal rates.
5. The use of rental cars is not authorized unless there is no public transportation available to the meeting site. Exceptions must be approved prior to departure.
5. Use of private owned vehicles will be reimbursed at the current State of Nevada rate but will not exceed the cost of airline fare.
6. Per Diem will be based upon Nevada State Statutes for in state and out of state travel.
7. The Association President or Vice President must approve any additional expenses by the delegate prior to leaving for the meeting, and must approve attendees to such meetings.

ARTICLE IX: DUES

It is incumbent upon all districts to pay their fair share of the expenses of running the Association, supporting the activities and attending the required meetings. Therefore each Conservation District dues is set at \$600 per year.

Dues for supporting the Association are due and payable January 1st, the beginning of the calendar year. In order for a district to have a voting delegate and be able to vote at an annual meeting, the district must have paid their current dues and have designated a district supervisor a voting delegate at a regular meeting of the district.

***Amended October 28, 2004 @ the annual meeting in Minden, NV*

***Amended October 22, 2008 @ the annual meeting in Jackpot, NV*